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SUBJ: GOG STATEMENT ON REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT

1. GOG HAS RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA IS HEARTENED BY THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES TO REIMPOSE THE BAN ON THE IMPORT OF RHODESIAN CHROME. THE MASSIVE SUPPORT GIVEN IN BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE LEGISLATION REPEALING THE INFAMOUS BYRD AMENDMENT, THE ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS THIS END, AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMPT SIGNING OF THE BILL, REACTIVATING THE EMBARGO, GIVE US CAUSE TO HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HENCEFORTH ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS AND CONCERNS PARTICULARLY IN OUR PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT CARTER FOR SO QUICKLY LIVING UP TO A PROMISE ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, AND TRUST THAT THIS MARKS THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE MORE FULLY WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICA."

2. STATEMENT WAS TRANSMITTED TO AMBASSADOR SMITH ON MAR. 21 WITH FOLLOWING COVER LETTER FROM MFA SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ERIC K. OTOO: "EXCELLENCY, I AM ENCLOSING, FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND THAT OF THE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON, A STATEMENT JUST ISSUED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA ON THE REIMPOSITION OF THE BAN ON THE IMPORT OF RHODESIAN CHROME INTO THE UNITED STATES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. MAY I ADD MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THIS NOTABLE GESTURE BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WHICH REMOVES ONE SORE POINT IN UNITED STATES - AFRICAN RELATIONS." SMITH

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